

REMARKS

The following remarks are offered in complete response to the Official Action/Election of Species Requirement dated January 29, 2008. Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.112, and in light of the remarks which follow.

Claims 15-26 are pending in this application.

Claim 15 has been amended to: clarify the recitation of the thiolate; to define the meaning of the symbol σ_p ; to recite the identity of the material being oxidized; to have antecedent basis in the claim from which it depends and to correct the spelling of a term. Support for this amendment is found in the specification on page 2, line 37 - page 3, line 1, and page 8, line 1 - page 9, line 4. Claim 16 has been amended to have antecedent basis in the claim from which it depends and to recite proper claim language. Claim 17 has been amended to delete redundant wording. Claim 18 has been amended to have antecedent basis in the claim from which it depends and to correct the spelling of a term. Claim 19 has been amended to properly recite the group (Rf) and to correct improper capitalization in the claim. Claim 20 has been amended to depend from claims 15-19 rather than from previously cancelled claims, and to clarify the number of carbons recited. Claim 21 has been amended to depend from claim 15 rather than from claim 20. Support for this amendment is found in claim 15 and in the specification on page 11, lines 6-7. Claim 25 has been amended to have antecedent basis in the claim from which it

depends. Claim 26 has been amended to recite proper claim language. No new matter has been added in making these amendments.

ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicant elect difluoromethanesulfonyl chloride, $\text{HCF}_2\text{SO}_2\text{Cl}$. Claims 15-26 read on the elected species.

Support for this compound is found in Example 4, page 15, line 9 - page 16, line 7, and specifically on page 16 lines 1-7.

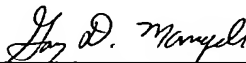
In the event that there are any questions related to this response, or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed telephone number concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

If there are any questions, the Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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